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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION WITH  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Dear Commissioner:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Final Office Action mailed on June 9, 2009, and in further response to the Response to Final Office Action (not entered) filed November 9, 2009, the Advisory Action mailed November 17, 2009, and the Notice of Appeal filed on November 9, 2009. The Notice of Appeal set a two-month extendible time period for filing an Appeal Brief, i.e., ending on January 9, 2010. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.114, Applicants submit with this paper a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, along with the requisite fee, to extend the time for filing the RCE up to February 9, 2009. The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees occasioned by this paper, or credit any overpayment of such fees, to Deposit Account No. 04-1105 under number 67859(303981).

**Amendments to the claims** (relative to the pending claims at the time of the Final Office Action) are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

**Remarks/arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.